

Washington Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

2003 Tobacco Survey Results

Benton County

What is your age?

n = 201

18 - 34	33.8%	(± 7.9%)
35 - 54	38.6	(± 7.8)
55 - 74	21.3	(± 5.8)
75+	6.2	(± 3.5)

Gender

n = 201

Male	47.6%	(± 8.1%)
Female	52.4	(± 8.1)

Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race...

n = 199

White	92.6%	(± 3.6%)
Black or African American	1.2	(± 1.7)
Asian	1.7	(± 1.7)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0	(± 0.0)
American Indian, Alaska Native	1.8	(± 1.9)
Other race	2.7	(± 2.0)
No preferred race	0.0	(± 0.0)

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

n = 201

Yes	10.1%	(± 4.7%)
No	89.9	(± 4.7)

Marital status

n = 201

Married	66.3%	(± 7.6%)
Divorced	9.8	(± 4.3)
Widowed	5.2	(± 2.7)
Separated	0.8	(± 1.1)
Never been married	14.1	(± 6.4)
Or a member of an unmarried couple	3.8	(± 2.9)

How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?

n = 201

None	53.6%	(± 8.0%)
1	20.5	(± 6.9)
2	15.0	(± 5.4)
3 or more	11.0	(± 5.1)

What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

n = 201

Some high school or less	7.3%	(± 3.7%)
High school graduate or GED	30.0	(± 7.7)
Some college or technical school	31.9	(± 7.2)
College graduate or more	30.7	(± 7.4)

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Are you currently. . .	n = 201	
Employed for wages	56.0%	(± 7.9%)
Self-employed	6.1	(± 4.0)
Out of work	5.4	(± 3.4)
Homemaker	9.0	(± 4.1)
Student	5.9	(± 5.2)
Retired	15.2	(± 5.0)
Or unable to work	2.4	(± 2.2)

Annual household income from all sources	n = 182	
Less than \$20,000	5.7%	(± 3.2%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	43.4	(± 8.2)
\$50,000 or more	51.0	(± 8.4)

Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?	n = 357	
Yes	41.0%	(± 5.7%)
No	59.0	(± 5.7)

Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their entire life:		
Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?	n = 151	
Everyday	35.6%	(± 8.8%)
Some days	7.2	(± 3.9)
Not at all	57.2	(± 8.9)

Among current smokers:		
During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for 1 day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?	n = 63	
Yes	70.3%	(± 13.3%)
No	29.7	(± 13.3)

Current cigarette smoking prevalence:	n = 357	
(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	17.5%	(± 4.5%)

Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes:		
Did you smoke any cigarettes during the past 30 days?	n = 78	
Yes	43.6%	(± 12.9%)
No	56.4	(± 12.9)

Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:		
On how many days of the past 30 days did you smoke cigarettes?	n = 33	
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:		
On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke, on the days that you do smoke?	n = 32	
Average:	*	*

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff?	n = 198	
Yes	22.2%	(± 7.2%)
No	77.8	(± 7.2)

Among those that have ever tried smokeless tobacco:

On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?	n = 36	
None	*	*
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:	n = 198	
(any use in past 30 days among the whole population)	2.2%	(± 2.4%)

Do you currently smoke tobacco in a pipe?	n = 198	
Yes	0.0%	(± 0.0%)
No	100.0	(± 0.0)

In the past month, have you smoked a cigar, even just a puff?	n = 198	
Yes	4.3%	(± 3.2%)
No	95.7	(± 3.2)

In the past month, have you smoked bidis?	n = 198	
Yes	0.4%	(± 0.9%)
No	99.6	(± 0.9)

In the past month, have you smoked clove cigarettes?	n = 198	
Yes	1.6%	(± 2.1%)
No	98.4	(± 2.1)

Current tobacco use (all types of tobacco)	n = 198	
Current daily tobacco user	20.3%	(± 6.8%)
Current non-tobacco user	79.7	(± 6.8)

Among former smokers:

About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, daily?	n = 45	
Within the past month (less than 1 month ago)	*	*
Within the past 3 months (1-3 months ago)	*	*
Within the past 6 months (3-6 months ago)	*	*
Within the past year (6-12 months ago)	*	*
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	*	*
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	*	*
More than 15 years ago	*	*
Never used regularly	*	*

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day? n = 41

Average: * *

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation? n = 39

Yes *

No *

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco from the Internet? n = 39

Yes *

No *

Among current tobacco users:

During the past month, did you buy tobacco outside the state to save money - not just because you were traveling? n = 39

Yes *

No *

Among current/former tobacco users:

People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco. n = 74

Strongly agree 37.4% (± 12.6%)

Somewhat agree 25.5 (± 11.2)

Somewhat disagree 21.3 (± 10.9)

Strongly disagree 15.8 (± 9.5)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a family member or friend advised you to quit, if ever? n = 75

Within the past year (1-12 months) 38.7% (± 12.8%)

Within the past three years (1-3 years) 3.7 (± 4.5)

3 or more years ago 31.8 (± 11.9)

They never advised me to quit 25.8 (± 10.7)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DOCTOR or other healthcare provider advised you to quit, if ever? n = 78

Within the past year (1-12 months) 22.5% (± 11.0%)

Within the past three years (1-3 years) 14.1 (± 10.8)

3 or more years ago 11.0 (± 7.4)

They never advised me to quit 52.3 (± 12.9)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DENTIST advised you to quit, if ever?

n = 78

Within the past year (1-12 months)	15.6%	(± 10.3%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	2.3	(± 3.6)
3 or more years ago	10.1	(± 7.5)
They never advised me to quit	71.9	(± 12.0)

Among those advised to quit:

Did the health care professional who advised to quit offer any help, or refer you to a source of help to quit tobacco use?

n = 36

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current/former tobacco users:

How many times in your life have you seriously tried to quit using tobacco?

n = 72

0	7.7%	(± 7.1%)
1-2	58.6	(± 13.2)
3-5	24.0	(± 12.1)
6 or more	9.6	(± 6.3)

About how long has it been since you last visited a DOCTOR for a routine checkup?

n = 195

Within the past year (1-12 months ago)	79.7%	(± 7.1%)
Within the past two years (1-2 years ago)	11.2	(± 5.5)
Within the past 3 years (2-3 years ago)	1.0	(± 1.1)
Within the past 5 years (3-5 years ago)	3.6	(± 4.1)
5 or more years ago	4.4	(± 3.4)
Never	0.1	(± 0.3)

What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is it coverage through. . .

n = 175

Your employer	47.4%	(± 8.6%)
Someone else's employer	25.6	(± 7.9)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	7.4	(± 5.0)
Medicare	13.7	(± 4.9)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	5.7	(± 3.9)
The military, CHAMPUS, or the VA	0.0	(± 0.0)
The Indian Health Service	0.0	(± 0.0)
Some other source	0.3	(± 0.5)

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, have you heard about any programs in your community to help you quit using tobacco, such as classes, support groups or counseling services?

n = 36

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, did you participate in any kind of program, class or group to help you quit using tobacco? n = 36

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers with health care coverage:

Does your health care insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills or other medications? n = 26

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

During the past year, did you use nicotine patches, pills or other medication to help you quit using tobacco? n = 36

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

Have you heard about the Washington State "Quit-Line" - a telephone support service to help people quit using tobacco? n = 36

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Have you called the Quit line? n = 13

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

Would you like to quit using tobacco? n = 38

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users who would like to quit:

Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months? n = 27

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users considering quitting within 6 months:

Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days? n = 23

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

Are you currently registered to vote?		n = 198
Yes	82.3%	(± 6.3%)
No	17.7	(± 6.3)

Which of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .		n = 196
No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	88.3%	(± 5.4%)
Smoking is allowed at some places or at some times	5.8	(± 3.7)
Smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	5.9	(± 4.1)

How many people, including you, who live in your household currently smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?		n = 198
No current smokers in household	76.0%	(± 7.1%)
1	12.7	(± 5.1)
2	9.4	(± 5.1)
3 or more	1.9	(± 3.0)

On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?		n = 198
None	89.6%	(± 5.3%)
Less than 30	3.2	(± 2.6)
30 days	7.3	(± 4.8)

If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?		n = 197
Yes	8.1%	(± 4.2%)
No	91.9	(± 4.2)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .		n = 116
Office	56.8%	(± 10.5%)
Store	6.9	(± 5.5)
Restaurant or Bar	8.5	(± 5.4)
Warehouse or factory	4.7	(± 5.8)
Home/Someone elses home	5.9	(± 5.4)
Outdoors	6.1	(± 5.0)
Car or truck	4.8	(± 4.4)
Classroom	3.4	(± 4.5)
Hospital	2.5	(± 2.6)
Somewhere else	0.3	(± 0.5)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Some or all indoor work areas?		n = 114
Yes	8.3%	(± 5.5%)
No	91.7	(± 5.5)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Employee lunchrooms or lounges? n = 116

Yes	4.6%	(± 4.2%)
No	95.4	(± 4.2)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . A different designated indoor smoking area? n = 116

Yes	5.9%	(± 4.9%)
No	94.1	(± 4.9)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

In a typical week, how many hours would you say that you are in a room or car with secondhand smoke while you are at work? n = 117

None	86.0%	(± 6.8%)
Less than one hour	7.2	(± 4.9)
One hour or more	6.8	(± 5.1)

In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . . n = 198

Not at all annoying to you	8.2%	(± 3.9%)
A little bit annoying	8.6	(± 5.2)
Somewhat annoying	21.3	(± 6.2)
Very annoying to you	61.9	(± 7.7)

Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . . n = 193

Not at all harmful	2.2%	(± 2.3%)
A little bit harmful	5.4	(± 4.2)
Somewhat harmful	23.4	(± 6.8)
Very harmful	69.0	(± 7.6)

All people should be protected from secondhand smoke. n = 192

Strongly agree	64.8%	(± 7.9%)
Somewhat agree	14.7	(± 5.4)
Somewhat disagree	11.9	(± 5.6)
Strongly disagree	8.5	(± 4.8)

All children should be protected from secondhand smoke. n = 196

Strongly agree	86.4%	(± 6.0%)
Somewhat agree	6.1	(± 4.1)
Somewhat disagree	3.5	(± 3.5)
Strongly disagree	4.1	(± 3.1)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in restaurants? n = 198

Yes	72.8%	(± 7.4%)
No	26.1	(± 7.3)
Don't know/Not sure	1.1	(± 2.2)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in bars and lounges?		n = 197
Yes	33.9%	(± 7.4%)
No	57.4	(± 8.0)
Don't know/Not sure	8.7	(± 5.5)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in outdoor public areas where children may be present?		n = 198
Yes	55.4%	(± 8.0%)
No	42.0	(± 8.0)
Don't know/Not sure	2.6	(± 2.5)

Local law enforcement officials should place a high priority on enforcing laws that ban the possession of tobacco products by minors.		n = 192
Strongly agree	63.5%	(± 8.3%)
Somewhat agree	21.3	(± 7.1)
Somewhat disagree	9.8	(± 5.8)
Strongly disagree	5.3	(± 3.8)

The city or town where you live should establish as many strong rules and laws as possible to protect nonsmokers, including children, from secondhand smoke.		n = 192
Strongly agree	58.1%	(± 8.1%)
Somewhat agree	21.8	(± 6.6)
Somewhat disagree	13.0	(± 6.1)
Strongly disagree	7.2	(± 4.0)

School officials should make sure that all children receive anti-tobacco education.		n = 195
Strongly agree	80.9%	(± 6.3%)
Somewhat agree	13.3	(± 5.3)
Somewhat disagree	2.5	(± 2.8)
Strongly disagree	3.2	(± 2.8)

Tobacco use by adults should not be allowed on school grounds or at any school events.		n = 194
Strongly agree	83.3%	(± 6.2%)
Somewhat agree	9.5	(± 4.8)
Somewhat disagree	3.1	(± 3.3)
Strongly disagree	4.1	(± 3.3)

Have you seen or heard about any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to prevent or reduce tobacco use among youth?		n = 192
Yes	53.5%	(± 8.2%)
No	46.5	(± 8.2)

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Among people who have seen or heard of community efforts/activities:

Have you participated in any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to help reduce tobacco use among youth?

n = 104

Yes	23.6%	(± 10.9%)
No	76.4	(± 10.9)

Among people who have seen or heard of community efforts/activities:

To your knowledge, has there been a local anti-tobacco or anti-smoking organization working in your community over the past few years?

n = 103

Yes	30.1%	(± 11.5%)
No	44.9	(± 11.3)
Don't know/Not sure	25.0	(± 8.9)

Among people who know of anti-tobacco organizations in their community:

Do you approve of what this local organization is doing to prevent tobacco use and help people quit?

n = 23

Definitely yes	*	*
Probably yes	*	*
Probably no	*	*
Definitely no	*	*

There are more negative things than positive things about smoking.

n = 194

Strongly agree	90.6%	(± 4.9%)
Somewhat agree	5.0	(± 3.8)
Somewhat disagree	0.9	(± 1.2)
Strongly disagree	3.5	(± 3.0)

Smoking sometimes makes a person more attractive.

n = 195

Strongly agree	2.7%	(± 2.8%)
Somewhat agree	1.6	(± 2.9)
Somewhat disagree	2.7	(± 1.9)
Strongly disagree	93.0	(± 4.3)

There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference.

n = 192

Strongly agree	4.0%	(± 2.8%)
Somewhat agree	5.5	(± 3.9)
Somewhat disagree	8.8	(± 4.6)
Strongly disagree	81.7	(± 6.3)

Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it?

n = 188

Yes	15.1%	(± 6.1%)
No	84.9	(± 6.1)

Do you currently have a piece of clothing, or other item that has a tobacco brand or logo on it?	n = 194	
Yes	7.0%	(± 4.2%)
No	93.0	(± 4.2)

During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products?	n = 196	
Yes	23.4%	(± 7.3%)
No	76.6	(± 7.3)

During the past year have you been somewhere, such as concert or special event, where tobacco companies were having a promotion - for example, giving away free samples or having a special give-away?	n = 196	
Yes	9.1%	(± 5.1%)
No	90.9	(± 5.1)

Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies.	n = 183	
Strongly agree	25.5%	(± 7.3%)
Somewhat agree	30.6	(± 7.6)
Somewhat disagree	13.9	(± 6.7)
Strongly disagree	29.9	(± 7.4)

Among people with children ages 12 to 17:

Which of the following best describes the way you have discussed the dangers of tobacco use with your child. . .	n = 34	
We have talked about the dangers of tobacco use many times	*	*
We have had at least one conversation that I can remember	*	*
I don't remember a specific conversation, but my child knows how I feel	*	*
For now, I have not talked with my child about the dangers of tobacco use	*	*

Among people with children ages 12 to 17:

Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco?	n = 33	
Yes	*	*
No	*	*